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AMENDMENT AFTER NON-FINAL REJECTION

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SIR:

1. Responsive to the Office Action mailed on November 1, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows. In the following response, each numbered point of the Office Action is addressed in sequence and numbered and labelled in the same manner as in the Office Action.

Claim Objections

2. We respectfully submit that Claims 2 and 4-6 be amended as per point 2 in the Office Action mailed on November 1, 2007.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103

3. (Information noted and understood, no response required.)
4. Claims 3 and 5 are neither anticipated by, nor obvious in light of, Hummel (US 5831982) in combination with Kohler (US 2003185153). Nor are any of the other claims. The only similarity between Hummel and the present invention is that they both have something to do with routing constraints in a hierarchical network (both draw upon the well-known ATM-PNNI protocol as an example framework).